SPECIAL PROJECT PLC108MM: CHILDREN WITH THREE OR MORE PLACEMENTS IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

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This tip sheet serves as an interpretation guide for management report PLC108MM. This management report tracks children who have had three or more placements in the previous 12 months in the current episode of care as of the report run date. It is important to understand how to read the details of this report so that information displayed does not seem contradictory.



Pointers to Remember:

- 1. Logic for report PLC108 does not count the following placement types as placements if the child returns to the same provider, although they are listed on the report as a placement episode: abscondence, college/vocational, hospitals, and respite care (if their service line has been categorized as respite care).
- 2. When a child has a one day placement (entry and exit dates are the same), logic for report PLC108 does not count this as a placement, although it is listed on the report as a placement episode.
- 3. When a child has consecutive placements with the same provider and the provider identification numbers are the same, logic for report PLC108 counts this as one placement although all placement episodes are listed.
- 4. When a child has consecutive placements with the same provider, however the provider identification numbers are different, logic for report PLC 108 counts this as two placements even though the child has not physically moved.
- 5. If the child is placed with one provider, changes to another provider, and again comes back to the first provider, then all placements are counted.

Example:

First placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1
Second placement: Child1 is placed with Provider2
Third placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1

Placement episode count = 3

- 6. Not in Legal Placement does count as a placement episode. The designated Provider identification number for this provider is 10021391, and the address is 400 6th St.
- 7. College is not counted as a placement. The foster home/provider that the youth returns to while in college should not be counted as an additional placement if the child returns to that same provider between each college placement. However, if a child is placed with provider A and goes to college, then returns to Provider B, then the foster home/provider will count as another placement.

Example A:

First placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1
Second placement: Child1 is placed in college
Third placement: Child1 is placed with Provider 1
Fourth placement: Child1 is placed in college
Fifth placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1

Placement episode count = 1

Example B:

First placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1
Second placement: Child1 is placed in college
Third placement: Child1 is placed with Provider2
Fourth placement: Child1 is placed in college

Placement episode count = 2

Troubleshooting Pointer 1:

Steps Include:

- **Step 1:** Open Management Report PLC108MM.
- **Step 2:** Navigate to the details of the report for a specific worker.
- **Step 3:** Locate the client for whom placement records will be checked.
- Step 4: Look in the last column labeled Service, and view if the service type is an abscondence, college/vocational, hospital, or respite care. If so, do not count that placement as part of the overall placement count. See Figure 1 for an example that was pulled from report PLC108MM.

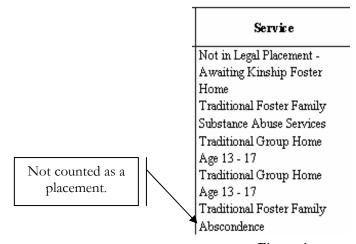


Figure 1

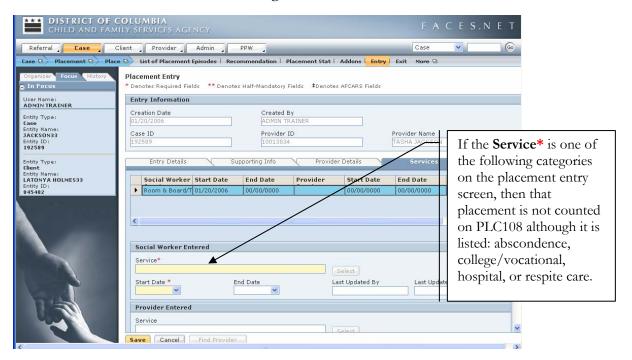


Figure 2

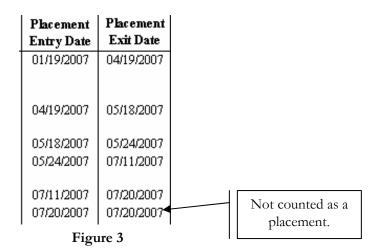
First placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1 from 01/19/2007 - 04/19/2007 Second placement: Child1 is placed in abscondence from 04/19/2007 - 04/22/2007 Third placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1 from 04/22/2007 - present Placement episode count = 1

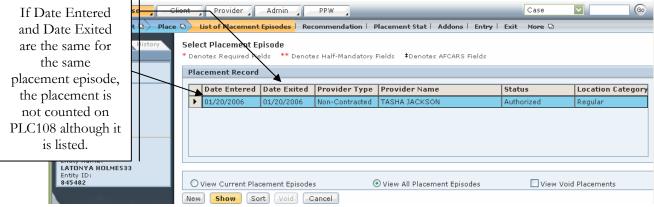
First placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1 from 01/19/2007 – 04/19/2007 Second placement: Child1 is placed in abscondence from 04/19/2007 – 04/22/2007 Child1 is placed with Provider2 from 04/22/2007 - present

Placement episode count = 2

Troubleshooting Pointer 2:

Step 5: Look in the Placement Entry Date and Placement Exit Date Columns. If the dates are the same for any one episode, do not count that placement as part of the overall placement count. See Figure 3 for an example that was pulled from report PLC108MM.





Troubleshooting Pointer 3:

Step 6: When a child has consecutive placements with the same provider and the provider identification numbers are the same, logic for report PLC108 counts this as one placement although all placement episodes are listed. See Figure 5 for an example that was pulled from report PLC108MM.

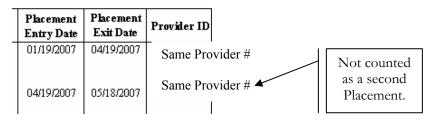


Figure 5

Examples of Pointer 3:

First placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1
Second placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1
Third placement: Child1 is placed with Provider2

Placement episode count = 2

First placement:
Second placement:
Child1 is placed with Provider1
Child1 is placed in respite care
Child1 is placed with Provider1
Child1 is placed with Provider1
Child1 is placed in college
Child1 is placed with Provider2

Placement episode count = 2

Troubleshooting Pointers 4 and 5:

Step 7: If a child is placed with one provider, changes to another provider, and again comes back to the first provider, then all placements are counted. See figure 6 for an example.

Examples of Pointer 4:

First placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1
Second placement: Child1 is placed with Provider2
Third placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1

Placement episode count = 3



Note: If Provider1 and Provider2 in the above example are the same provider, but have different provider identification numbers, logic for report PLC 108 counts these as separate placements even though the child has not physically moved.



Figure 6

Troubleshooting Pointer 6:

Step 8: Not in Legal Placement counts as a placement episode. FACES.NET recognizes this provider/service type as a placement and adds it to the overall count of placement episodes. The designated Provider identification number for this provider is 10021391, and the address is 400 6th St. See Figure 7 for an example that was pulled from report PLC108MM.

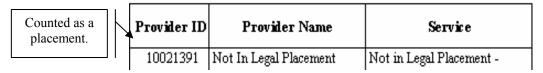


Figure 7

Example of Pointer 6:

First placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1
Second placement: Child1 is Not in Legal Placement
Third placement: Child1 is placed with Provider1

Placement episode count = 3

Report Logic Reference Guide

PLC108MM: Children with Three or more Placements in the Previous 12 Months captures the following information:

- The universe for this report is those children with 3 or more placements in the past 12 months (as of the report run date) during the current Removal Episode.
- Placement types of Abscondence, College/Vocational, Hospitals, and Respite Care are included in the details but not counted in the summary.
- If a provider has multiple IDs, each ID will be counted as a placement episode.

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